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LETTER TO DRAFTSMAN IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003, enclosed please find three (3) sheet(s) of new drawings to replace the drawing now in the application.

In numbered paragraph 1 of the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, the drawings were objected to under 35 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show element 30 in Figure 2 and element 54 in Figure 3 as described in the specification. The new set of formal drawings includes element 30 in Figure 2 and element 54 in Figure 3. Applicants believe the new drawings overcome the objection to the drawings. No new matter is introduced.

In the event any further questions should arise, please contact the undersigned at (925) 424-6897.

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